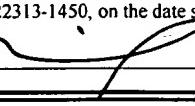


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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to an Office action herein mailed August 29, 2003, the time for response to which was set to expire November 29, 2004. A petition for an extension of time of two months until January 29, 2004 is attached hereto, along with the required fee. Careful consideration has been given to the grounds for rejection, and the following amendment and discussion are offered in response. Reconsideration is respectfully requested.